GLENN HAUSER'S SHORTWAVE/DX REPORT 99-65, Dec 3, 1999

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** ASIA [non]. The B99 schedule for Radio Free Asia is now posted on the Asian Broadcasting Institute WWW site. http://www.246.ne.jp/%7Eabi/rfa.htm is the direct URL for the schedule, which includes transmitter sites. According to the schedule, KNLS in Alaska and Delano, California are no longer used to broadcast RFA. 73, {Jim Moats, OH, November 30}

** BELGIUM. The Belgian royal wedding on Saturday 4 December 1999 will be broadcast live on shortwave by both Radio Vlaanderen Internationaal (in Dutch) and RTBF-International (in French) to Europe and Africa:

RVI:
0700-0800 UTC 5985, 9925, 11690
0800-0900 UTC 9925, 11690
0900-1200 UTC 9925, 13600, 21550 <<<< additional transmission
1200-1230 UTC 9925, 13760, 21630

RTBF-Int:
0530-0600 UTC 9490
0600-1100 UTC 17580
1100-1300 UTC 21565 <<<< extended transmission
0530-1300 UTC 9965 <<<< additional transmission
(Paul Brems, RVI via Wolfgang Bueschel, WORLD OF RADIO 1014)

** BHUTAN. BBS has retimed their evening txion and also at the weekend: Nepali Mon-Fri 1130-1200, Sat 0900-1000 5030, Sun 0900-1000 6035.

English Mon-Fri 1200-1300 (nx 1200) 5030, Sat 1000-1100 (nx 1000) 5030, Sun 1000-1100 (nx at 1000). Sat 1015-1100 CountDown Top-20 En pop songs; Sun 1015-1100 Request Show of En pop songs. (Alok Dasgupta, India, Nov 26 via Wolfgang Bueschel, WORLD OF RADIO 1014)

[LATER: Beware of China dominating 5030 here in the 1200 hour]

** CANADA. This week on C'est La Vie, learn about the beginnings of

French radio in Alberta. From its humble origins broadcasting from a shack in a field outside Edmonton, Radio CHFA has come a long way in 50 years. And it plays a vital role for the French community in the region. Find out more on C'est La Vie, with host Bernard St. Laurent, UT Saturday Dec 4 at 0029-0059 on RCI 5960 and 9755 (CBC Hotsheet via Hauser)

** COSTA RICA. http://www.drgenescott.org/stations now gives schedule here as 24 hours on all frequencies: 7375/11870 [meaning one transmitter, one frequency or the other?], 9725, 13750, 5030, 6150 (Peter Boeck, Nov 22 via Hans-Joachim Koch, condensed by Hauser)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Not exactly SW but DXing ultra-ultra-shortwave laser light reflections over very great distances; I AM NOT SURE IF THIS IS FOR REAL and have not heard anything about it on mainstream media or elsewhere, but Rogerio Krueger, radio-escutas newsgroup, refers us to http://www.moonlight.com . All I get there so far as of Dec 3 is the word MOONLIGHT at the top. According to him, on Dec 8 [NOT Nov 8 as I misspoke on some editions of WOR 1014!], Moonlight Laser Enterprises, Inc. plans to test its ``laser ray cannons'' by projecting a message using the surface of the moon as the screen. Colors blue, red and green can be mixed to produce any color and be animated (like terrestrial laser light shows). The date has been selected since it is the birthday of the founder of the company, based in Atlanta, and it is during New Moon. The time will be midnight there, 0500 UT, when the moon will be well positioned for viewing from Brasil. The three laser-cannons have a power of 2 megawatts each. The first message will be GOOD NIGHT EARTH, and others may follow. The ultimate objective is advertising (Hauser's translation summary of Kruger's posting)

The trouble is, as any amateur astronomer or even casual moongazer instantly realizes, when the moon is new it sets only slightly after the sun and would NOT be visible - or reachable by laser - at local midnight. My calendar does show Dec 7 as New Moon. Possibly they meant 0000 UT? (Glenn Hauser, Terra)

** IRELAND. Atlantic 252 can continue broadcasting on longwave after Dec 31. Following a change of administration in Ireland, there is no problem in extending the expiring license (ERF DX Mix Dec 4 via Hans-Joachim Koch, summary translation by Hauser)

** KENYA. 4915: KBC is back on that frequency and the reception is so strong that Ghana was not audible at 2000 Dec 2 (Mahendra Vaghjee, Mauritius)

** KOREA NORTH. This evening (UT Dec 3) tuned in North Korea on 17735. Signal here was stronger than it has been over the last few

nights (good signal strength), but still that annoying "buzz-hum" in the carrier. I could hear the 0200 UT broadcast on 11845, but signal was fair at best, but at least no weird noises in the carrier on this frequency. Nothing heard on 15650 at 0200 UT here. Anyway, I was able to copy the sched. at approx 52 min into the 0100 broadcast (listed below). Please note that no broadcasts were given (Target) for NORTH America. Just Central and South America. Humm..???

(Radio Pyongyang) English Broadcasts 1 Hour

SE Asia/ Central and South America 1200 9850, 11335, 13650
Africa 1200 9640, 9975
Africa 1600 6540, 9600, 9945
SE Asia/ Central and South America 0100 15230, 17735, 11735
SE Asia/ Central and South America 0200 15650, 11845
Regards, (David Zantow, Janesville, WI USA)

At 0000-0100 17735 is conflicting with a longtime VOA frequency [from Tinang to Pacific]. How can we get them to move? (Bill Whitacre, IBB) Cannot be sure but may be in French that hour (gh)

** KOREA NORTH. An English block from Pyongyang is heard with fair signal at 2120 on its house-frequency 6575 (ERF [TWR] DX Mix 27. Nov. via Hans-Joachim Koch, summary translation by Hauser)

** KOREA NORTH. Checking out Radio Pyongyang after 2100 showed 6575 and 7505 in // with horribly distorted speech audio, from 2100 with what sounded like Spanish, from 2200 with French. Prior to their latest reshuffelings 7505 had at 2100 German and 6575 something different. (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 1)

** KURDISTAN. V. of Kurdistan Toilers is a new clandestine heard since Nov 28 on 4250, in Iraqi Kurdish at 1600-1630, Arabic 1630-1700, and repeated from 0400 (BBC Monitoring, summarised by Hauser for WORLD OF RADIO 1014)

** KURDISTAN. I have very little interest in broadcasts that are not in English, and no interest in clandestines, but in this case I have a huge geographical advantage, so I invested limited effort and after writing this, I will forget about the subject:

V. of the People of Kurdistan is on 4060 from 0345 until 0700. They sign on a little before 0345 and sign off around 0706. They are also on 4060 at least from 1545 to 1745. Languages are Arabic, and very likely Kurdish and Farsi. I think, each language, one hour. For me, the signals are strong, observed 16, 17, 18 and 19 November. The present Passport shows nothing on 4060. Best wishes. Yours, (David Crystal, Ramat Zvi, Israel, WORLD OF RADIO 1014)

** RUSSIA. The Italian segment on VoR's special Kosovo programmes was already months ago replaced by Serbocroatian. Additionally there is a sesquihour programme in Serbocroatian 2200-2330 on 6205, repeated (at least I guess it's a repeat of the 2200 broadcast) 0400-0530 on 5920, both from the Popovka transmitters near St. Petersburg. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 1)

** U K O G B A N I. Glenn--- DIGITAL RADIO MONDIALE TESTS: UT Dec 1, tuned around the 31 meter band until landing on 9665 kHz at 0131 to hear familiar Radio Netherlands voices Jim Cutler, Jonathan Marks and Diana Janssen talking about the Digital Radio Mondiale tests... then went into this digital noise (?) I can't figure out, until off at 0300. Coming from Rampisham with good signal but nothing worth while to listen to, if noise is all they are doing for test purposes. Try this out tonight... (Joe Hanlon in Philadelphia)

** U S A. Although announced as on 92.7, St. Louis MO has an apparent pirate in stereo on 92.9 playing a variety of mostly secular Latin music, taped by Will Martin Oct. 16 for over an hour from 1555 UT. There were only five brief announcements during this period: 1) ad for Iglesia de la Nueva Comunidad, 314-664-5565; 2) ``Somos 92.7 FM, Radio en espan~ol'' 3) ``92.7 FM Estereo, regalo de dios para nuestra comunidad'' 4) ad for La Clinica, 3 Ave y S. Grand Blvd, specializing in la depresion; 5) ``92.7 FM Estereo, La Radio de la Comunidad Hispana, San Luis'' and this time also in English. This last one is included in our December Mundo Radial and for Radio Enlace on Radio Nederland (Glenn Hauser) ####